Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Conserving our nation's natural and wildlife resources is one of the most important responsibilities we have to this and future generations of Americans; and,

WHEREAS, Hunters and fishermen were among the first to realize this responsibility more than 100 years ago when they saw first-hand how expanding civilization and commercial exploitation had caused disastrous declines in wildlife populations throughout America; and,

WHEREAS, They took steps to reverse the trend; hunters and fishermen helped found the conservation movement, supported laws to stop commercial exploitation of wildlife, and helped establish state fish and wildlife agencies that could implement much needed conservation programs; and, they suggested and supported laws to establish special hunting and fishing license fees and special taxes on their equipment to pay for conservation programs; and,

WHEREAS, Through those fees, special taxes and private contributions, hunters, and fishermen have contributed more than $6 billion for conservation, and the programs supported and financed by sportsmen have benefited hundreds of wildlife species from pronghorn antelope and white-tailed deer, to songbirds and whooping cranes--wildlife that all Americans can enjoy:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 24, 1988, as

HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

in South Dakota, and I urge our citizens to join with hunters and fishermen in a renewed effort to secure the future of America's natural and wildlife resources.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Ninth Day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE